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The City of Chandler's Solid Waste Services is proud to offer this newsletter to residents who receive recycling and trash services from the City. Each issue includes information about services offered to our residents, tips on recycling and talking trash!

Receive the newsletter quarterly along with special notices right in your in-box. We will even answer questions from residents, just like you!

Backyard Composting

Backyard composting at home is easy and makes good sense. You can recycle your yard waste and some food waste right in your own backyard. Composting produces a free soil amendment that creates a healthier yard and garden. This makes it easier and less expensive to maintain, improves soil moisture retention which cuts down on water use, and helps save you money. The City offers residents free composters and Backyard Compost Workshops throughout the year.



Sign up now for upcoming classes on October 6 or November 17. The Backyard Compost Workshops are free, but you must pre-register by calling 480-782-3510. Hope to see you there!

Holiday Collection Schedule

Veterans Day
Observed by City on
Monday
November 12

**No change to
recycling
or trash collection**

Recycling-Solid
Waste Collection
Center - CLOSED

Thanksgiving
November 22-23

**No recycling and
trash collection
on Thanksgiving
Day**

*If your regular
collection day is
Thursday, place your
container at the curb
Friday by 6 a.m.
Friday collection rolls
to Saturday.*

Recycling-Solid
Waste Collection
Center
CLOSED - Nov. 22
OPEN - Nov. 23

Recycling Plastics



Not all plastics are made the same. Therefore, not all items made from plastic are recyclable and shouldn't be placed in your curbside recycling bin.

The City's recycling program accepts plastic containers with the numbers #1-6 (with a few exceptions such as plastic bags, plastic wrap, & Styrofoam) in the blue bins. Did you ever wonder what those symbols mean, what types of items fit in each category or what they are recycled into? If so, [click here](#) for more details. You might discover a new type of plastic container to place in your recycling can!

Talking Trash - Curbside Bulk Collection



Chandler offers FREE curbside bulk pick-ups for recyclables and trash for residents who pay for City provided solid waste service.

Recycling Bulk - Curbside collection is available for large recyclable items such as broken appliances, TVs, computers, bikes, metal patio furniture, grills, other metal items and cardboard boxes.

Trash Bulk - Curbside pick-ups are available for items such as tree and yard trimmings, bagged yard waste, broken furniture and large household items.

Each bulk collection is limited to two (2) standard size pickup truck bed loads (4 ft. high x 4 ft. wide x 16 ft. long).

For more details about proper placement, material and size restrictions, and scheduling your next FREE curbside bulk collection call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

Recycling & Trash Inspections

City of Chandler Solid Waste staff performs inspections on trash and recycling containers. Sometimes flyers are left on cans or doors to provide residents with important information about the City's solid waste programs, services and updates.

Recycling containers are inspected to ensure



Glad You Asked



Would it be more cost effective to provide recycling collection every other week instead of weekly?

Every community in Maricopa County is required to provide twice a week collection for solid waste. The County grants a "variance" which allows for recycling to be collected in a separate can, and be considered as one of the two days of solid waste collection. While set out rates in neighborhoods may change most residents set their can out every week, however you can place your recycling can out less frequently. Hopefully, your household is recycling as much as possible and your recycling can has more items than your trash can

materials placed in the blue container are accepted in Chandler's curbside recycling program. Inspections are required under the recycling contract between the City and United Fibers to limit potential health and safety risks to employees at the recycling center. Employees at the recycling center manually sort the materials placed in the blue containers. For this reason, city staff inspects containers to ensure containers do not contain perishable trash or hazardous waste.



Trash containers are inspected to ensure compliance with governmental regulations. Maricopa County and Chandler require residents to secure perishable garbage and grass in plastic bags BEFORE placing waste in a black trash or alley container. Doing so reduces offensive odors and breeding of flies and other pesky insects.

Chandler staff drive City vehicles, wear City shirts and carry a City ID badge with the City of Chandler logo. If any other individual or group is looking in your can, removing material from your can, or illegally dumping trash in your can or alley please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 immediately.

Broken Containers

Trash and recycling containers with cracked bodies, broken or missing lids or wheels are considered broken containers.



To ensure collection occurs, please report broken containers to Solid Waste Services for repair or replacement of the container

Call 480-782-3510 to schedule "house call" and your container will be back on its wheels in no time!



How To Handle HHW

Last year Chandler recycled or reused over 240,000 pounds of hazardous materials and safely disposed of another 8,000 pounds. Since you do have to make an appointment to drop off hazardous materials, there are a few common questions we get regarding proper disposal of popular items.

Batteries - Alkaline batteries are not considered hazardous materials, so you can safely dispose of AAA, C, 9 Volt, etc. in your trash at home.

What holidays affect recycling and trash collection?

Recycling and trash collection is provided on all holidays EXCEPT:

**New Year's Day
Fourth of July
Thanksgiving
Christmas**

Collection will resume the day after these holidays, and roll over every day through Saturday.

*Example:
Thanksgiving falls on Thursday so...
Thursday cans are collected on Friday,
Friday cans are collected on Saturday.*

Recycling and trash is collected on the following holidays:

**MLK/Civil Rights Day
Presidents' Day
Memorial Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day**

To ensure collection have your can at the curb by 6 AM the day of collection with the lid closed.
Not an early riser?
You can place your can at the curb after 6 PM the night before.

Auto Batteries & Rechargeable Batteries (NiCad, Lithium Ion, etc.) - These batteries are hazardous and must be recycled properly. Please call 480-782-3510 to schedule an appointment at the [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility](#) or contact local retailers who accept them.

CFL - Compact Fluorescent Lamps and fluorescent tubes contain small amounts of mercury and also have special disposal requirements. The City's HHW collection facility accepts these items by appointment. Many home improvement and hardware stores also have special receptacles to drop these items off. For more details [click here](#).

Prescription & Over the Counter Drugs - Do not flush medication down the toilet or sink unless information specifically instructs you to do so. The City's HHW Collection Facility does not accept these items either. Please follow the information provided by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on prescription drug disposal by [clicking here](#).

Ammunition- Contact the City of Chandler Police Department at 480-782-4000 for instructions.

To schedule an appointment for disposing of all other household hazardous waste such as paint, pool chemicals, oil, pesticides, poisons, etc. call 480-782-3510.

America Recycles Day

November 15 is America Recycles Day. A day dedicated to have everyone in the community take a look at their recycling habits and see if they can do even better.



Look for announcements in your in-box and on www.chandleraz.gov/recycle for upcoming Chandler events that promote recycling.

In the meantime visit www.americarecyclesday.org to take the pledge to support and improve recycling in the City of Chandler!

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We're Listening

It's our pleasure to serve Chandler residents. We appreciate comments, questions, praise or other feedback that will help us serve you better.

Email us at solidwaste.customerservice@chandleraz.gov

If immediate attention is required or if you'd like to schedule a service, please call 480-782-3510 and speak with one of our helpful customer service representatives.

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Residents who bring this coupon to a compost workshop listed in this newsletter receive a FREE gift. Limit one per household.

Offer Expires: Nov. 17, 2012

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